

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SPREADING OF BUGBEAR VIRUS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government have taken note of frequent infection of computers worldwide by fast spreading virus like Bugbear known as a mass mailing worm;
- (b) whether this Bugbear virus spreads itself through computer users' e-mail programme and has spread worldwide affecting millions of computers in Europe, USA and Asia;
- (c) if so, the effective preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid/control spread of such a virus in the country's IT industry; and
- (d) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d): In order to combat the menace of computer virus, growing number of anti virus solutions, which are commercially available, are being used throughout the world.